

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	)	Examiner: Saoud, Christine J.
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Avi J. ASHKENAZI, et al.	)	Art Unit: 1647
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Application Serial No. 09/978,192	)	Confirmation No: 3437
	)	
Filed: October 15, 2001	)	Attorney's Docket No. GNE-2630 P1C9
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For: <b>SECRETED AND</b>	)	<b>Customer No. 77845</b>
<b>TRANSMEMBRANE</b>	)	
<b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC</b>	)	
<b>ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME</b>	)	

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 19, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20080720), please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed, with a request for a one month extension of time and authorization to charge deposit account **50-4634** for the requisite fees. This response is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **2** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **3** of this paper.